

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**  
**FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

79. (Proposed) A method of sharing ~~virtual folder~~ a plurality of items stored ~~in the file system~~ on a user's computing device, wherein the plurality of items are arranged according to a physical file system structure of an operating system, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of items ~~in~~ on a user's computing device, wherein the plurality of items are arranged according to a physical file system structure of an operating system located ~~on a user's~~ the user's computing device;

storing in the operating system one or more values corresponding to operating system properties for each of the plurality of items stored on the user's computing device ~~in the file system~~;

creating via the operating system a data object corresponding to a virtual folder representing one or more of the plurality of items stored ~~in the file system~~ on the user's computing device, wherein the virtual folder comprises a location-independent view that exposes said one or more items, and further wherein the location-independent view is based on metadata associated with the one or more items;

displaying via the operating system the data object corresponding to the virtual folder representing one or more of the plurality of items stored on the user's computing device ~~in the file system~~, wherein said virtual folder is navigable according to one or more arbitrary parameters independent of ~~said the~~ physical file system structure;

receiving via the operating system a user request to share one or more of the plurality of items stored on the user's computing device ~~in the file system~~ that are represented by the virtual folder with one or more sharees, wherein sharing the one or more items comprises allowing the one or more sharees direct access to the user's computing device on which the one or more items are stored; and

setting permissions on the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items that are represented by the virtual folder to provide the one or more sharees direct access to said shared ~~virtual folder~~ items stored ~~in the file system~~ on the user's computing device, wherein setting permissions comprises setting an operating system permission property on each of the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items.

91. (Proposed) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a user's computing device comprising an operating system, perform a method of sharing ~~virtual folder~~ a plurality of items stored in the file system on the user's computing device, wherein the plurality of items are arranged according to a physical file system structure of the operating system, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of items in on a user's computing device, wherein the plurality of items are arranged according to a physical file system structure of an operating system located on ~~a user's~~ the user's computing device;

storing in the operating system one or more values corresponding to operating system properties for each of the plurality of items stored on the user's computing device ~~in the file system~~;

displaying via the operating system a data object corresponding to a virtual folder representing one or more of the plurality of items stored on the user's computing device in the file system, wherein the virtual folder comprises a location-independent view that exposes said one or more items, and further wherein the location-independent view is based on metadata associated with the one or more items;

providing an option for toggling between the location-independent view and a physical location dependent view corresponding to the physical file system structure of the operating system located on the user's computing device;

receiving via the operating system a user request to share one or more of the items stored on the user's computing device that are represented by the virtual folder with one or more sharees, wherein sharing the one or more items comprises allowing the one or more sharees direct access to the user's computing device on which the one or more items are stored; and

setting permissions on the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items that are represented by the virtual folder to provide the one or more sharees direct access to said one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items without moving the one or more items from the user's computing device, wherein setting permissions comprises setting an operating system permission property on each of the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items.

103. (Proposed) A method of sharing ~~virtual folder~~ items stored on a user's computing device, wherein the items are arranged according to a physical ~~in a~~ file system structure of an operating system located on the user's computing device, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of items ~~in~~ on a user's computing device, wherein the plurality of items are arranged according to a physical file system structure of an operating system located on a user's ~~the user's~~ computing device;

identifying a virtual folder representing one or more of the plurality of items stored ~~in the file system~~ on the user's computing device;

receiving at the operating system a request to share one or more of the items represented by the virtual folder with one or more sharees, wherein sharing the one or more items comprises allowing the one or more sharees direct access to the user's computing device on which the one or more items are stored; and

in response to the sharing request, setting by the operating system user-access permissions on the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items on the user's computing device ~~in the file system~~, the user-access permissions designating permission levels for the one or more sharees on the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items.

116. (Proposed) One or more computer readable media storing computer-executable instructions which, when executed on a user's computing device comprising an operating system, perform a method of sharing ~~virtual folder~~ items stored on the user's computing device, wherein the items are arranged according to ~~in a~~ a physical file system structure of the operating system, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of items ~~in~~ on a user's computing device, wherein the plurality of items are arranged according to a physical file system structure of an operating system located on a user's ~~the user's~~ computing device;

identifying a virtual folder comprising representations of one or more of the items stored in the file system on the user's computing device;

receiving at the operating system a request to share one or more of the items in represented by the virtual folder with one or more sharees, wherein sharing the one or more items comprises allowing the one or more sharees direct access to the user's computing device on which the one or more items are stored;  
and

in response to the sharing request, setting by the operating system user-access permissions on the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items in the file system on the user's computing device, the user-access permissions designating permission levels for the one or more sharees on the one or more shared ~~virtual folder~~ items.